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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA POSTPONES VISIT OF JAPANESE DEBT RESCHEDULING
MISSION

1. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED JAPANESE PRESS REPORT THAT NORTH KOREA HAS REQUESTED FURTHER POSTPONEMENTS OF JAPANESE PRIVATE INDUSTRY MISSION VISIT TO PYONGYANG TO DISCUSS DEBT RESCHEDULING. REQUEST CAME IN NOVEMBER 29 CABLE FROM KOREA-JAPAN EXPORT-IMPORT CORPORATION, WHICH HAS ACTED AS DE FACTO DPRK TRADE MISSION IN JAPAN. NO REASON FOR DELAY OF VISIT WAS GIVEN NOR WERE NEW DATES OFFERED. CABLE MERELY STATED VISIT WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY TOP OFFICIAL OF CORPORATION, NOW IN PYONGYANG, ON HIS RETURN TO TOKYO, SOMETIME AROUND DECEMBER 10.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, FONOFF NE ASIA DIVDIR ENDO NOTED THAT 17 WEST EUROPEAN BANKS HAD JOINTLY CABLED PYONGYANG ON NOVEMBER 11 REQUESTING THAT NORTH KOREAN MISSION VISIT LONDON BY DECEMBER 13 TO DISCUSS DEBT QUESTION. ENDO WAS UNAWARE OF NATURE OF NORTH KOREAN RESPONSE TO BANKS. HE SPECULATED THAT "BECAUSE NORTH KOREA IS BEING SQUEEZED AT SAME TIME FROM BOTH SIDES, JAPAN AND WESTERN EUROPE, THEY WILL TRY TO CONTINUE
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TO DELAY." POSTPONEMENT OF JAPANESE MISSION INDICATED

TO ENDO THAT PYONGYANG WAS NOT NOW IN POSITION TO DIS-
CUSS DEBT MATTERS SERIOUSLY.
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